<u>REMARKS</u>

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the above-identified application.

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for examination, which action is requested. A check in the amount of the excess claims fees is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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